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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003, which was made final, the claims have not been amended. Nonetheless, for the Examiner's convenience, the current claims follow: